

Remarks

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7 are rejected. The specification and drawings are objected to. Claims 1 and 5 are amended. The specification and drawings are amended. No new matter is added. All rejections and objections are respectfully traversed.

Figure 7 is objected to as containing extraneous reference number “404”. The reference number is deleted herein and a substitute Figure 7 is submitted herewith.

Further, Figure 7 is objected to because reference number “750” is not recited in the specification. The specification is amended herein to insert reference to item “750” in paragraph [0202]. The omission was a clerical error.

Figure 8 is objected to because reference number “800” is not recited in the specification. The specification is amended herein to insert “800” in paragraph [0280]. The omission was a clerical error.

Figure 13 is objected to because a reference to the figure in the specification is missing. The specification is amended herein to insert reference to the figure in paragraph [0112]. The omission was a clerical error.

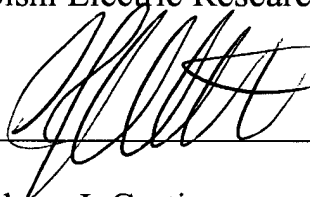
Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1 and 5 are amended herein to overcome the rejection.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should further questions arise concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number listed below. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 50-0749.

Respectfully submitted,
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